DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, see Applicant Arguments/ Remarks, filed 2/20/2009, with respect to Non Final Rejection have been fully considered and are persuasive. The Non Final Rejection of 12/12/2007 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 13 – 18 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ABDULFATTAH MUSTAPHA whose telephone number is (571)272-9736. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thus. (10:00am - 8:30pm).

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